- The dinner was attended by Semenov, Otto Grotewohl, Bruno Baum, Friedrich Elbert, Alfred Neumann, and LA employees of the Soviet embassy. A total of about 100 persons attended. The dinner consisted of five main courses, two new Soviet technicolor films were shown, speeches were made by Semenov and Otto Grotewohl, and toasts were proposed. The dinner erded at 2 s.m.
- 2. In his speech, Semenov pointed out that the main danger in the situation efter 17 June was the wavering attitude of the masses. The workers who want to be proletarians and at the same time bourgeois represent a dangerous and unreliable element. This situation requires ideological strongth and clearness. Semenov said that it looked as if an enormous number of bedies were at work to undermine the socialist reconstruction work of East Germany. Fewever, if energetically fought, these moles did not represent serious threat. The danger should be fought jointly by the Soviets and the East German leadership. Semenov also stated that there was a langer of neglecting minor things in favor of large construction projects. Thus for instance he remarked that he did not find one single centh in the vicinity of the Mueggelsee Tower. Such conditions led people to think that luxury projects would be executed for propaganda reasons while the needs of the population were being neglected. In this respect he also reported that the streets of Mast Berlin looked very untidy compared with shose in West Ferlin. Efforts should be made to prevent a new 17 June store by trutal power but by conviction. It is a sign of incompetence when an agitator declares that a given situation could not be handled by him but required the employment of state security organs. "We must convince but not liquidate. Only obstinate enemies of the regime should be liquidated.

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